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### 2021 Industrial Radiography Examination Notice and Schedule

Alabama's radiography examination program has changed! Exams are now administered on-line, with a computer-based testing company named Pearson VUE (under Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors). Examinees are to continue to submit applications and associated information to Alabama. Please review the revised application form; please list a valid and current e-mail address for the applicant.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE	EXAMINATION MONTH
Friday, December 18, 2020	January 2021
Friday, January 15, 2021	February 2021
Monday, February 15, 2021	March 2021
Friday, March 19, 2021	April 2021
Friday, April 16, 2021	May 2021
Friday, May 14, 2021	June 2021
Friday, June 18, 2021	July 2021
Friday, July 16, 2021	August 2021
Friday, August 20, 2021	September 2021
Friday, September 17, 2021	October 2021
Friday, October 15, 2021	November 2021
Friday, November 19, 2021	December 2021

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF EXAM ADMINISTRATION WITH PEARSON VUE?

- There are no pre-set examination dates!
- Convenience! Each applicant will have two (2) months after the e-mail from Pearson Vue to schedule his/her exam, at his/her convenience. Each applicant can schedule an exam at a location more convenient for the applicant. Pearson Vue facilities are located throughout Alabama, the continental US, and military bases.
- Each applicant will know his/her score immediately after exam completion.

#### HOW DO I APPLY TO TAKE THE EXAM?

- Use an application form; additional copies may be made
- Please include the \$125.00 examination fee with the completed application.
- The original signature of the person taking the exam is required. Copies are not accepted.
- Faxed applications will not be accepted.
- Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.

If the applicant has a disability requiring accommodation, please submit the 'Request for Disability Accommodation for Industrial Radiography Examination' form with your application. Please include supporting documentation from a medical or mental health professional who is familiar with the applicant's disability.

**Please note that application forms and requests for disability accommodation can be downloaded from [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/radiation/](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/radiation/). Access the 'Forms' link.**

#### ***HOW MUCH DOES THE EXAM COST?***

Please send a check or money order for \$125.00, payable to the Alabama Department of Public Health, with your application. Checks are nonrefundable. The Office of Radiation Control is unable to accept electronic payments currently.

**NOTE!** Pearson Vue charges a 'sitting fee' of \$50.00. The examinee may purchase a voucher for the 'sitting fee' before his/her examination date, or pay the fee upon arrival to the Pearson Vue location (selected for his/her exam). **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE \$50.00 'SITTING FEE' WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

#### ***WHERE DO I SEND THE APPLICATION, FEE, AND QUALIFYING FORMS?***

U.S. Postal Service: Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Radiation Control, P.O. Box 303017, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3017, ATTN: Cason Coan

U.S. Postal Service or overnight courier: Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Radiation Control, 208 Legends Court, Office 144, Prattville, Alabama 36066, ATTN: Cason Coan

#### ***WE WILL LET YOU KNOW!***

The Agency will send a confirmation e-mail to applicants with a request for response. The Agency will also send a confirmation letter to each applicant after receiving his/her application and exam fee. The letter will include any information necessary to issue a radiographer's card, if applicable.

#### ***WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT TO MY EXAM?***

Contact Pearson VUE within 48 hours prior to the applicant's scheduled on-line exam to reschedule within the applicant's 2-month window. If the applicant is unable to contact Pearson Vue, contact Alabama Radiation Control. The Agency is not able to keep an applicant's exam fee 'on hold'. The applicant's exam fee will be forfeited if the applicant does not reschedule within the 2-month window, or does not request a testing 'window' extension in time. Requests for extensions to testing 'windows' will only be granted in the most serious of circumstances. Please note that substitutions for applicants who are unable to attend their respective exams are not possible.

#### ***WHAT SHOULD I KNOW? WHAT SHOULD I STUDY?***

- Topics outlined in 420-3-26-.04(16)(g) of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code.



### **WHAT SHOULD I KNOW? WHAT SHOULD I STUDY? (continued..)**

- The following 7 resources (in no particular order) were used in development of the exam. They may be used for study purposes:
  1. 420-3-26-.01 of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code
  2. 420-3-26-.02(1), ... (2), ... (8), ... (9), ... (10)(g), ... (12) through (24), ... (29) & ... (30) of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code (RAM ONLY).
  3. 420-3-26-.03 of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code
  4. 420-3-26-.04 of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code
  5. 420-3-26-.05 of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code (X-RAY ONLY)
  6. 420-3-26-.10 of Chapter 420-3-26, Radiation Control, Alabama Administrative Code
  7. Working Safely in Gamma Radiography, NUREG/BR-0024; Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., September 1982. Available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, (202) 512-1800, request 052-024-00002-1 or The American Society for Nondestructive Testing, 1-800-222-ASNT, request #232.

### **ABOUT THE EXAM...**

- 3 exam types: Radioactive Materials Only  
X-Ray Only  
Both/Combination (Radioactive Materials & X-Ray Machines)
- 3 hours to complete the exam
- 125 multiple choice questions with 4 possible choices
- 100 of the questions count toward a passing score. 25 questions are new questions that are being field-tested. These 25 questions do not count toward/against your score. The 25 questions (those under-going field-testing) are scattered through-out the test.
- The applicant will be provided with a hand-held calculator and dry-erase board for notes and calculations.

### **WHAT DO I DO ON MY EXAM DAY?**

- Arrive by the designated time in order to register.
- Please remember to bring photo ID (e.g. driver's license) for registration.

### **WHO HAS TO BE CERTIFIED? WHO GETS A CERTIFICATION ID CARD?**

- Certification is required in the state of Alabama if the applicant is working in industrial radiography using radioactive materials and/or x-ray machines. Exceptions to certifications are listed in 420-3-26-.04(4).
- A certification ID card is issued to an applicant who has:
  1. passed the industrial radiography exam AND
  2. completed and documented an Agency-accepted 40-hour radiation safety course AND
  3. completed and documented on-the-job training (OJT) AND
  4. Properly completed 'Industrial Radiographer Qualification Form'

**Please note that the Agency must have documentation of all 4 elements from each applicant before the applicant is issued a certification ID!**

***WHERE DO I SEND MY QUALIFYING FORMS FOR MY CERTIFICATION ID?***

- Mail the applicant's completed 'Industrial Radiographer Qualification Form', completed 'On-The-Job (OJT) Form', and documentation of the applicant's 40-hour radiation safety training to the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Radiation Control (ATTN: Cason Coan) to one of the addresses listed above.
- Faxed copies will not be accepted.

***QUESTIONS? CALL (334) 290-6244 OR 1-800-582-1866, ASK FOR CASON COAN.***

***WHAT FORMS OR INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE?***

The following forms are available by calling (334) 290-6244 (in Alabama) or 1-800-582-1866 or by submitting a written request to Cason Coan at one of the addresses listed above. These forms are also available on the Agency's website [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/radiation/forms](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/radiation/forms).

- 2021 Industrial Radiography Examination Notice
- Application for Industrial Radiography Examination
- Request for Disability Accommodation for the Industrial Radiography Examination
- Radiographer Qualification Form
- On-The-Job Training Record
- Industrial Radiography Replacement Certification ID Card Procedure
- Industrial Radiography Second Certification ID Card Procedure